

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



**FISCAL NOTE**

**SB 288 - HB 653**

February 25, 2015

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Codifies a list of individuals that may administer the oath to publicly elected officers.

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**NOT SIGNIFICANT**

Assumptions:

- Under current law, the oath of office may be administered to elected or appointed public officials by an active or retired general sessions judge, or retired judges and chancellors of courts of record. Provides that an elected or appointed official may be sworn in by the Governor, an active or retired supreme court justice, an active or retired inferior court judge, or an active or retired general sessions judge.
- The bill provides that a supreme court justice may be sworn in by the Governor or an active or retired supreme court justice, and an inferior court judge may be sworn in by the Governor, an active or retired supreme court justice, an active or retired inferior court judge, or an active or retired general sessions judge.
- Authorizes retired supreme court justices and retired inferior court or general sessions judges to file their certificates and the oaths of county officers in the county clerk offices.
- The Administrative Office of the Courts and local court clerk contacts confirm that the bill will not significantly impact their operations so as to require any additional appropriations.

**CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Jeffrey L. Spalding".

Jeffrey L. Spalding, Executive Director

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